

Proposed Bill No. 6247

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LCO No. 1396

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by: REP. BOLINSKY, 106th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH STATUS OF AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A PISTOL OR REVOLVER CERTIFICATE OR PERMIT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 29-38b of the general statutes be amended to provide
- 2 that, in considering any application for a new or renewed pistol or
- 3 revolver certificate or permit, the Commissioner of Emergency Services
- 4 and Public Protection shall make an inquiry with the Department of
- 5 Mental Health and Addiction Services to determine whether the
- 6 applicant has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric
- 7 disabilities by order of a probate court within the previous three years,
- 8 rather than within the previous twelve months.

Statement of Purpose:

To strengthen the state's firearm permitting process by requiring a more comprehensive mental health background check for individuals seeking a pistol or revolver certificate or permit.